



# COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS



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## COUNTY RECEIVES SAFETY AWARD



L-R: John Avara, Bob Thurston, Dallas Brewer, James Cain, Macky McWhirter, Jim Barron

The Texas Association of Counties (TCA) is pleased to honor Yoakum County by presenting them a 1994 Safety Award. TCA administers a Workers' Compensation self-insurance pool in which the County participates for Workers' Comp coverage.

The award was received on July 12 by Glenn Chambers of Yoakum County in Austin at the TCA annual Loss Control Conference. Judge Dallas Brewer also attended the conference.

The county received the award for their record of involvement and commitment to safety in the workplace, as well as controlling their Workers Comp claims. To qualify, the entity must have a safety program rated in the top 10% of approximately 350 governmental entities that

collectively self-insure in the pool.

In the evaluation of the program, the following criteria are considered; Safety program elements in place; Activity and success of program in 1994 calendar year; Support for program by upper management, governing board of commission that directs operations of entity; Recent loss history; Improvement in program since 1993.

Through the safety program and participation in the pool, the County will save \$262,158 in Workers' Comp in 1995, compared to the manual rates for the insurance published by the State.

The entire Commissioners Court accepted the award plaque, presented by James Cain, Safety Specialist with TAC.

## COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTEND POST LEGISLATIVE MEET

Six Yoakum County elected officials attended a Post Legislative Conference in Austin August 16 thru 18. They were Judge Dallas Brewer, County Clerk Ruby Bruton, Treasurer Toni Jones, Auditor Hazel Lowrey, and Commissioners John Avara and Jim Barron. The meeting, sponsored by the Texas Association of Counties, was held at the Hyatt Regency.

The event was designed to familiarize County officials with new laws passed in the recent 74th Session of the State Legislature. The first day of the meeting was a general session for all attendees, a broad overview of the recently passed legislation.

The following days found the attendees grouped

according to their county offices, and the sessions focused on issues in the new laws pertaining to their particular office and duties.

Treasurer Toni Jones reported a number of recently passed bills would affect her day to day operations. She said a great deal of time was spent familiarizing fellow County Treasurers with the re-codified Public Fund Investment Act. The rewritten Act is an indirect result of the Orange County, California financial fiasco in which public funds were invested in mortgage securities. The collapse of the securities

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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO US !!

This issue, Number fifty-two, marks the first year anniversary of publishing C.C.N. for you, our neighbors, subscribers, advertisers and over the counterbuyers.

Our first issue appeared August 31, 1994, and we had several people ask if we had taken leave of our senses, starting a second newspaper in a town the size of Plains, challenging an existing paper which had been in business some ten years. To be honest, we were very nervous the week prior to the first printing, realizing the creation of a newspaper was a venture we had never experienced before.

The first run was a four pager, with just a few advertisers, and absolutely no subscribers backing us. Unbelievably, in less than thirty days, 191 good people had signed aboard for our paper, and we had ad commitments from many good and faithful advertisers, most of them to this day. Our thanks go to every subscriber, every advertiser, but our SPECIAL THANKS go to Milton Bayer, the very first advertiser, and Virginia and L.J. Sanders, the first subscribers, and both are still with us today.

The last 52 weeks have been fun (Sometimes), full of goofs on our part, hectic at times, very interesting, and all of them a learning experience. We have come into close contact with people we've known forever, yet really didn't know. We have reported on many items of interest, many fun things, and some sad events. We readily admit, whether it's believed or not, we have worked considerably harder than we'd ever anticipated (or wanted), but that's the way it is.

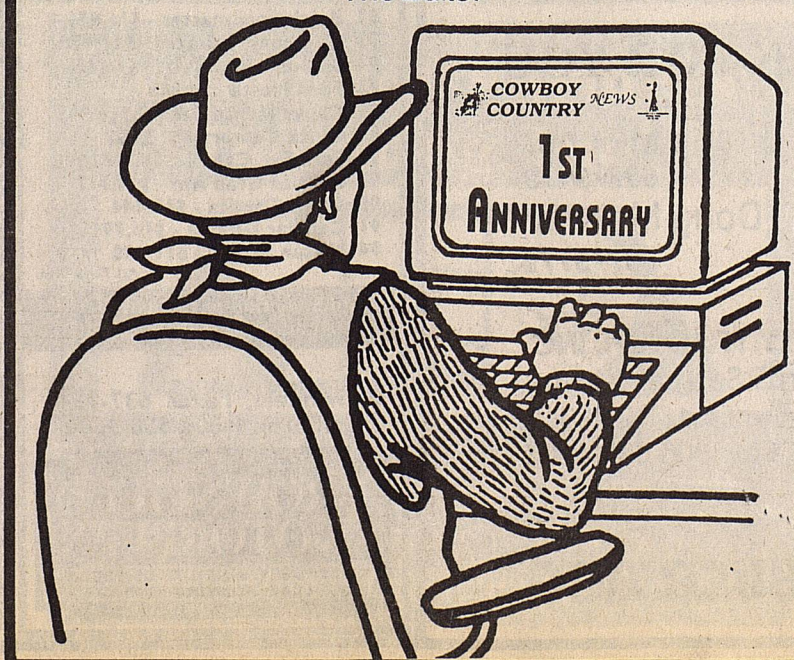
Lots of memorable events have occurred this first year. I once wrote an obituary, and was ready to send it to press, when one of our tiny staff spotted the fact I had the party dying before he was born. We prepared a page one week with the picture of a young man, captioned with the name of an obvious girl, a mistake discovered by our printer. Another week, we sent a six page issue to the printer, with all pages labeled 'Page Two'. I once reported a PHS Cowboy football game, with the immortal words, "With the ball on the 56 yard line, the Cowboys....." Perfect, we're not, nor ever will be.

There are a number of things we've experienced this first year we're grateful for. One of our more "Seasoned Citizens" told me once, "You just have no idea how nice it is to have a real, live newspaper here again!" Another faithful advertiser, Jack Spears, told us the first time we contacted him for an ad, he would support us, for he believed in buying at home whenever he could. P.I.S.D. has very graciously supported us, and we have tried our best to reciprocate.

I want to thank a few others who have made our first years run possible; Diane Brown, who sits at the computer each hectic Monday and Tuesday; Our daughter Dolores who helps us chase ad customers; Hop and John Graham, and their entire staff at the LOVINGTON LEADER, where we print; and especially to the Bride, the one shuffling the book work and putting up with me every week.

THANK ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING US A HAPPY ONE YEAR OLD !!

The Editor



## BEEF ARMYWORMS CAUSE COTTON PRODUCERS WORRY

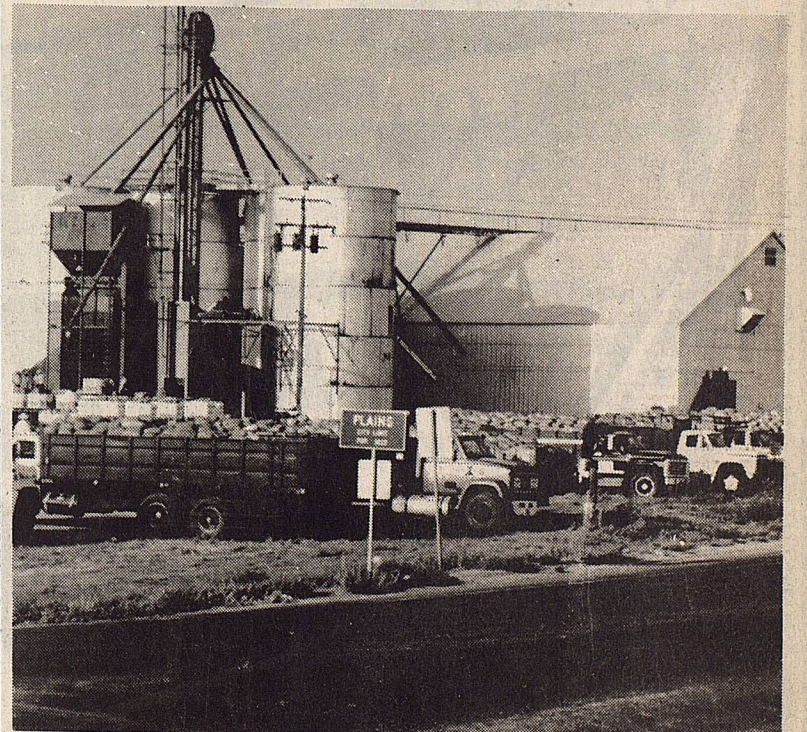
The beet armyworm has caused extensive damage to cotton in some areas of Texas in 1995. The lower Rio Grande Valley area has seen widespread devastation to cotton as a result of heavy beet armyworm infestations. Because of the magnitude of the problem in these areas, Yoakum County growers as well as all High Plains cotton growers have heightened their concern over the potential threat of the insect to this year's crop. In order to provide growers with the latest data on determining economically damaging thresholds as well as control measures, The Texas Agriculture Extension Service has held "emergency" area meetings this past week. Dr. Jim Leser, Extension Agronomist, and Dr. Kater Hake, Extension Agronomist-Cotton, both of Lubbock, provided training to producers attending these meetings in Brownfield and Seminole. Yoakum County Extension Agent Tadd Knight

attended the Brownfield meeting, and has the following synopsis of the meeting.

Dr. Leser stated the beet armyworm moth is very unpredictable, and there is no way of knowing if we will have a large migration to our area; atmospheric conditions, however, are conducive for moth flights here. Yoakum County does have "Hot Spots" where the worms have been found, and some insecticidal applications have been made. Dr. Leser encouraged producers to greatly intensify their scouting efforts, at least every five days. In fields where the beet armyworms are primarily feeding on foliage, a threshold of 20,000 worms per acre should be used to determine if treatment is warranted. If the worms are doing significant damage to young bolls, the threshold should be lowered to 12,000-15,000 per acre.

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## MELON SEASON HERE AGAIN



Workers from South Texas are swarming in area watermelon fields, picking, loading and trucking this year's good crop to two locations, where Anderson produce Company staff oversee the sorting and loading the juicy melons on waiting trucks for shipments to dozens of locations around the country.

The busy scene is taking place at the Guetersloh grain elevator and the packing sheds across the highway just west of the city limits.

The watermelons being shipped at this time are from fields of producers Eddie Earnest and Macky

McWhirter, who together planted about 800 acres to the melons. Other local producers include Larry Morrow and Brad Palmer.

It appears this year's harvest will be a good one, and the producers are well satisfied with the current but always volatile market price. An irrigated patch of melons can yield 10 to 40 thousand pounds of produce, and the growers strive for a goal of at least 20 thousand pounds per acre. The prominent local variety are Allsweets, and many hundreds of tons of the green chunks will be distributed nation wide this year.

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resulted in financial chaos. Jones said some of the topics covered included reporting and disclosure procedures, internal investment reports, and detailed information covering approved investments for County funds. There are new training requirements for each County's Chief Financial Officer, and effective September this year, that officer will be required to attend a ten hour training course on investments.

Judge Brewer reported the portion of the meeting he found most interesting and important to him as Judge were several risk management workshops. He reported County liability is a growing problem, with public officials and Counties being targeted for more lawsuits each year.

He said county jail inmates are frequent sources of the lawsuits, as well as charges of sexual harassment by officials, and wrongful discharge of employees.

The Judge said it was vitally important for all elected officials to be aware of the growing liability danger, and for all county employees to be trained in procedures to avoid troublesome, often extremely expensive lawsuits. "It's not at all unusual for one of these Court cases costing a County half a million or more dollars of taxpayer money."

County Clerk Ruby Bruton prepared a report on a portion of her recent training session in another section of this issue.

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Also, growers should scout for egg masses. A threshold of two egg masses per 100 row feet is considered justification for treatment. Leser warned growers, however, one finding in the first few plants does not mean you have surpassed the threshold. This is merely an indication further scouting field wide is necessary. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is currently recommending CONFIRM as the only control option for beet armyworms alone. CONFIRM is an insect growth regulator which has been granted an emergency exemption for the 1995 season, and is very effective when properly applied against all sizes of the worm larvae (but is not effective against bollworm/budworms).

Confirm causes a premature molt which the larvae fails to complete. It is used at a rate of 8 ounces per acre, for a maximum four applications. It has about a two week residual after binding to the leaf surface, and must be used with a spreader-binder, Latron CS-7, but new growth subsequent to application will not be protected.

For those with limited experience with the beet armyworm, the moth is

gray to brown, with a lighter spot near the center of each wing. Moths are capable of migrating hundreds of miles. A total of 500-600 eggs per female are laid in masses averaging about 80 eggs per mass, covered with hairs and scales from the female's body. Older larvae are distinctly green in color with a conspicuous black dot on each side of the second body segment behind the head. For more information about the beet armyworm, contact County Extension Agent Tadd Knight at (806) 456-2263.

**CLERK ANNOUNCES OFFICE CHANGES**

Ruby Bruton, Yoakum County Clerk, announced new regulations pertaining to birth certificates and marriage licenses;

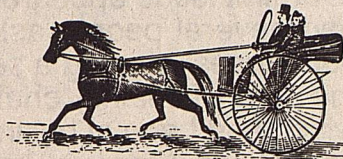
1. Effective September 1, 1995, the fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate will be \$11.00.

2. Section 1.045, Texas Family Code, as amended, states; (a) An applicant for a marriage license shall submit to the County Clerk a statement witnessed by two credible persons and verified before a person authorized to take oaths stating that as of the date the application for marriage license is filed the applicant does not owe delinquent court ordered child support. (b) A child support payment is considered delinquent for

purposes of Subsection (a) if the child support obligee under a child support order that applies to the applicant is entitled to seek enforcement of an arrearage under subchapter B, Chap. 14, Texas Family Code. \* (c) A person commits an offense if, with intent to deceive and with knowledge of the statement meaning, the person submits a false statement under this section. (d) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.

The statement form may be obtained at the County Clerk's office in Plains, or at the tax office, 4th and Ave. B, Denver City. A marriage license cannot be issued if the applicant owes delinquent court ordered child support.

\* Delinquent child support is defined as any money owed more than 30 days for scheduled payment date.



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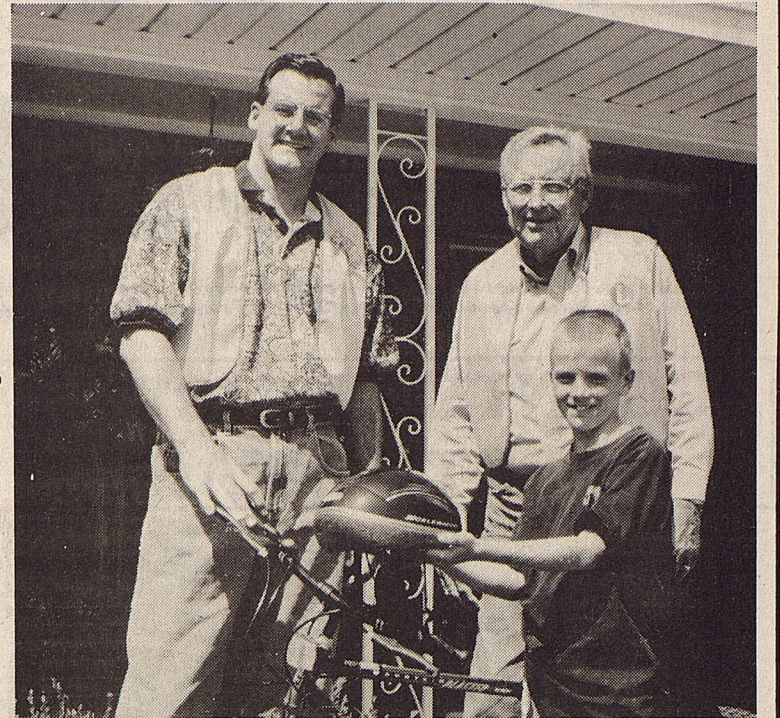
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**LIONS CLUB PLANS BIKE SAFETY DAY**  
Safety Helmets To Be Awarded



Lions Club President Rick Doyle, Vice-Pres. L.J. Sanders and Evan Cain

The Plains Lions Club will sponsor bicycle safety course for kids in kindergarten thru fourth grade Saturday morning, September 9, from 9 to 11Am. The event will be held on the parking lot just east of the main high school gym. The course is to make youngsters aware of all common bike safety procedures, and point out the importance of wearing an approved bike safety helmet.

Sgt. Mike McClure, DPS, Brownfield, is to furnish one or more DPS troopers to assist in the training. He is to send a curriculum of the program to Lion Gary

Walker soon, and we will publish additional details in the September 6 issue of CCN. Walker first drew the Lion Club's attention to the idea for the program. He contacted DFC Cycles of Lubbock, who furnished a case of the classy looking bike helmets to the club at their cost. They retail for \$25.

In the event the number of youngsters enrolling in the program exceed the 22 helmets on hand, a special drawing will be held to award the helmets.

The club will have a supply of Kool-Aid on hand to combat the heat from the asphalt parking lot.

**COUNTY COURT MEETS**

Commissioners Court for Yoakum County met Mon., August 28, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Commissioners Avara, Thurston, Barron and McWhirter were present, along with Clerk Ruby Bruton, Auditor Hazel Lowrey, and Treasurer Toni Jones.

In a very brief agenda, the Court voted to accept the bid from Amarillo Road Company for crushed calcium for Precincts 3 and 4. The bid of \$3.75 per ton stipulates the approximate need of 10,000 tons of caliche in a use period ending the end of March, 1996.

Line item transfers were approved, as were part time salaries and County bills. County Landfill Administrator Gary Walker reported to the Court David Bruton recently received his Class A Landfill Operators certification. He also reported the recently utilized daily tarping of trash will pay big dividends to county tax payers. He reported last week the landfill used only 60 cubic yards of covering dirt, where prior to the tarping process 150 cubic yards of dirt were used weekly. This will greatly extend the life span of the present dumping pit, and greatly reduce the operating hours of the earth moving equipment.

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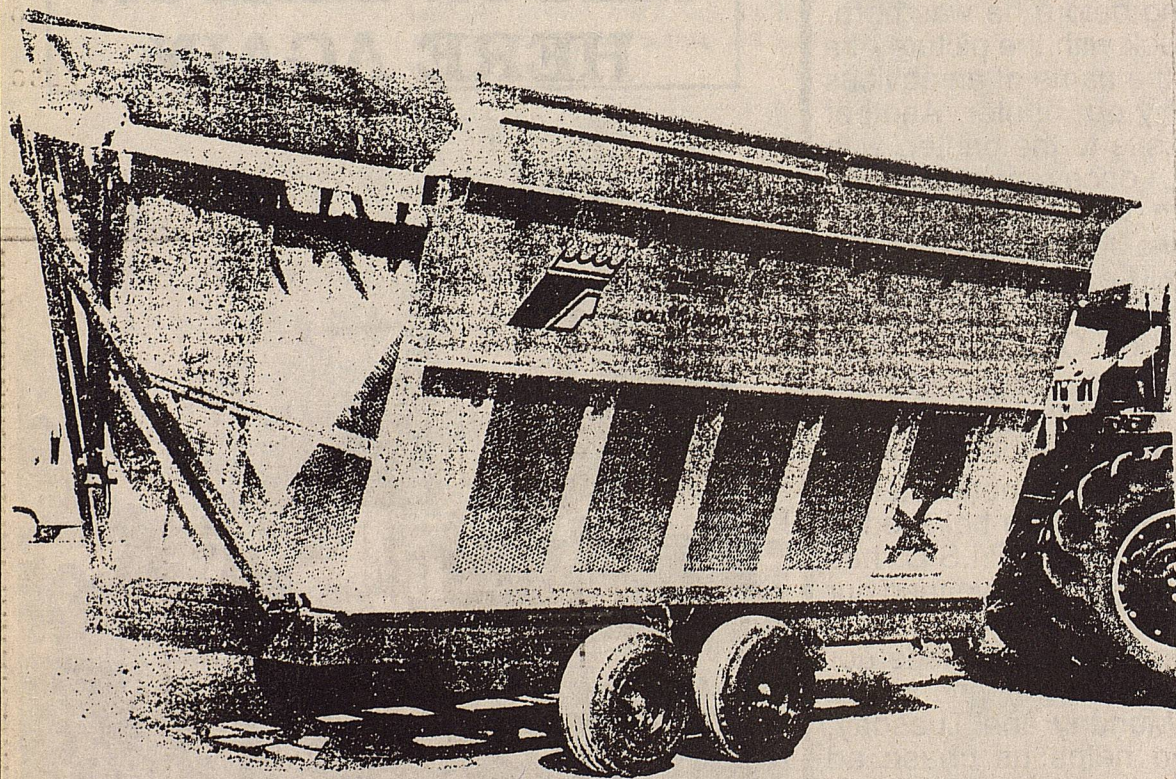
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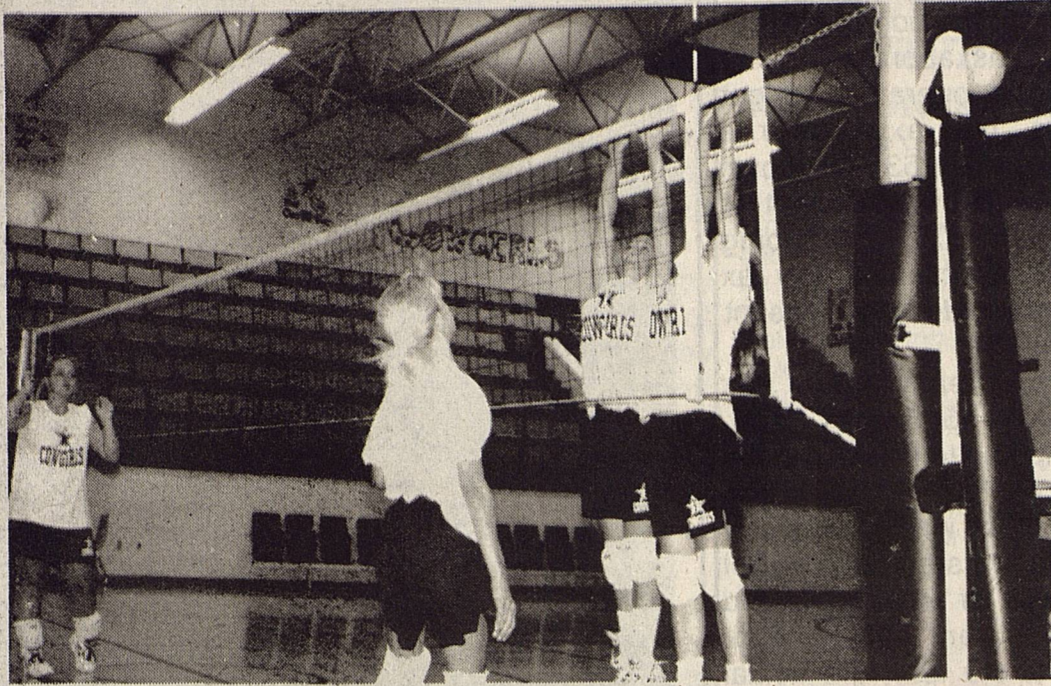
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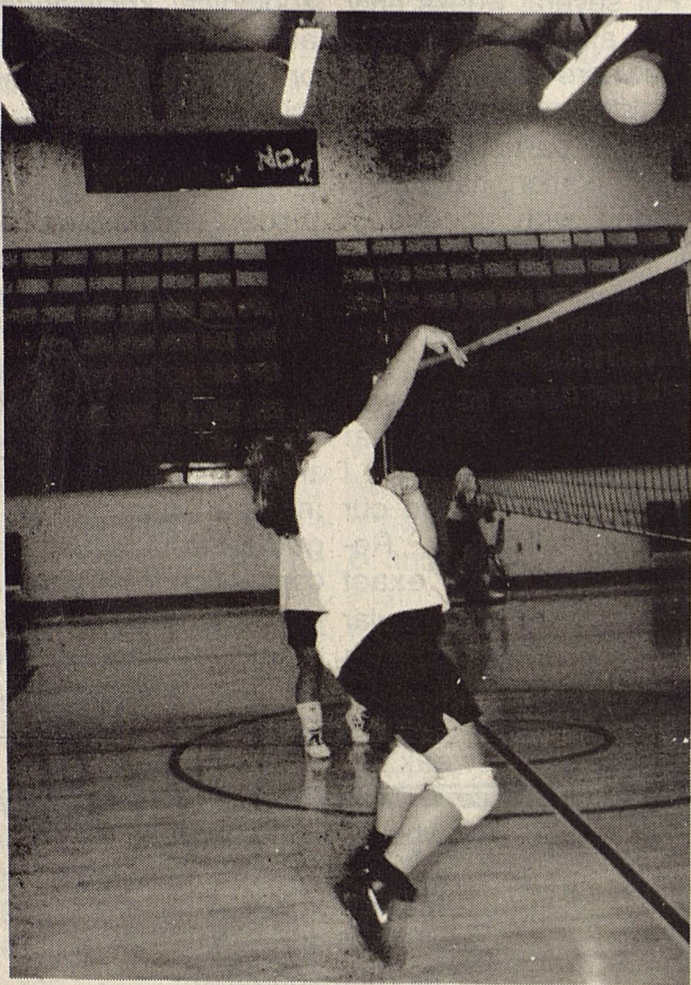
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# 'PISD ACTIVITY PAGE'

## COWGIRL FROSH PREPARING



They missed this block



Marcey House goes airborne on spike

## COWGIRL VOLLEYBALL SUMMARY

**Varsity:** In their season opener, the Cowgirls played well, but were downed by Lubbock High 11-15 and 3-15. Lensey Six served 6 points. Their next outing Saturday saw them lose to Snyder 5-15 and 6-15. Kyley Bearden was high scorer. They faced Bronte the same day, losing 15-13, 11-15, 13-15. Lensey was again high scorer. They will play in the Denver City tournament this weekend.

**Junior Varsity:** The Junior Varsity lost their season opener against Lubbock Christian 13-15, 15-6, 4-15. Laura scored 14 points, and Missy had 7. Last Saturday, they lost to both Snyder and Bronte. Lyndi was high scorer in the games, and Missy was second.

**Freshmen:** The Freshmen Cowgirls also lost their season opener to Brownfield, 3-15, 15-4, 13-15. Marcey House served 9 points, LaCresha Johnson had 8, Jennifer Lollar 6, Crystal Calsoncin 4, Krystal Sellers 3, and Tandi Jones 1.



## PISD CALENDAR

SEPT. 4 - 9

**Monday:** Labor Day Holiday  
**Tuesday:** Volleyball, Denver City - 9th; JV, V - Here - 5 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Volleyball, Three Way, 7th B - Here, 5 p.m.; Volleyball, Brownfield, 7th, 8th A & B - Here, 5 p.m.; Football, Seagraves, JV - Here, 6 p.m.  
**Friday:** Football, Seagraves, V - There, 8 p.m.  
 Volleyball, Andrews Tournament, V, There, TBA  
**Saturday:** Bicycle Clinic, Boys'

Gym Parking Lot, 9 p.m.  
 Volleyball, Andrews Tournament  
 Continues, V

### Menu

**Tuesday:**  
 Breakfast: cinn. rolls, toast, apple juice, milk  
 Lunch: chili cheese crispy potatoes, tossed salad w/dressing, mixed fruit, crackers, oatmeal raisin cookies, milk  
**Wednesday:**  
 Breakfast: biscuits, sausage w/gravy, orange juice, milk  
 Lunch: cheesburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce leaf, pickles, onion rings, chips, spiced

apples, milk  
**Thursday:**  
 Breakfast: pancakes w/syrup, fruit punch, milk  
 Lunch: burrito w/taco sauce, pinto beans, apple & raisin coleslaw, cornbread, peach cobbler, milk  
**Friday:**  
 Breakfast: cereal, toast, orange/pineapple juice, milk  
 Lunch: chicken fried steak w/gravy, corn, sweet peas, hot rolls, jello, milk



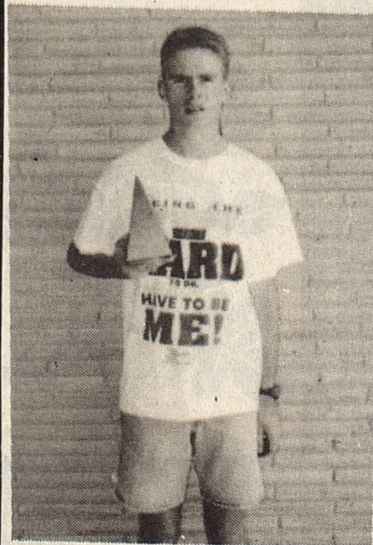
## COWBOYS WORKING FOR SEASON OPENER



Lots of crunching, banging here

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the Week is Jeremy Dearing. Jeremy is a Senior and is the Drum Major for the Cowboy Band and is a member of the Cross Country team. He is the son Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Dearing. He was nominated by Mr. Morgan. "Jeremy has shown a lot of maturity and true leadership. He does far more than is expected of him. He gives a lot more of his free time in helping the Band than he has to. He has a zero hour class every morning, and comes to Band ready to do whatever needs to be done. Every afternoon when he gets through running with Cross Country he comes by the Band hall to help anywhere needed."



Jeremy Dearing

## 1995 PLAINS JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 7	Seagraves	Home	6:00
Sept. 14	Morton	Away	7:30
Sept. 21	Sundown	Away	7:30
Sept 28	Lorenzo	Away	7:30
Oct. 5	Farwell	Home	7:30
Oct. 12	Open		
Oct. 19	Sudan	Home	7:30
Oct. 26	Whiteface	Away	6:30
Nov. 2	O'Donnell	Home	7:30
Nov. 9	Open		
Nov. 16	Sudan	Away	7:30

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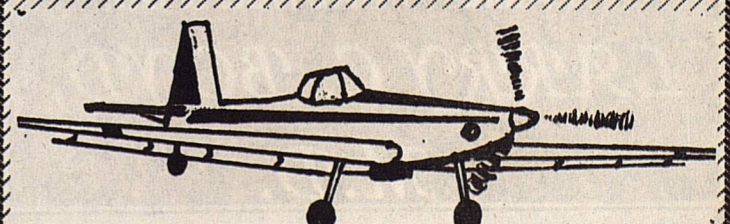
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## CHAMBER EVENTS

The Plains Chamber of Commerce announces their next regular meeting will be held Thursday, September 7, 7am at Johnnie's.

The following donors have made recent contributions to the "Welcome To Plains" sign, planned for the Lovington Highway; Memorials to Clyde Trout-Bob and Myrna White, Dolores Davis, Tracy and Darla Welch. Memorials to Bill Overton- Dolores Davis, Tracy and Darla Welch. Memorial to Ruth and Ed Rogers family from Ila Trout. Memorial to Paul Cobb- Tracy and Darla Welch. Also, Johnnie's Restaurant and State Line Extension Club

## COMPTROLLER'S FISCAL NOTES 20 YEARS OLD

In August, 1975, then State Comptroller Bob Bullock published the first issue of *Fiscal Notes*. In the recent 20th anniversary issue of the publication, Lt. Governor Bullock writes his original purpose in writing *Fiscal Notes* was "to give legislators, policy makers and business people information they didn't have" about the financial shape of state government and the Texas economy.

Under present Comptroller John Sharp's direction, the newsletter has grown in size, scope and quality. A number of guest authors contributed articles to the anniversary issue. Here are some of their observations; Bill White, former Deputy Secretary of Energy -- "In the next two decades, there will be another oil crisis, perhaps more severe than those of the '70's. Conditions will be ripe for it in the next century--our trade deficit in oil could double to \$100 billion by 2010."

Sallie Langreth, 1994-95 High School Teacher of the Year--

## NEW LAW CAN REWARD EARLY GRADS

In the recent 74th State Legislature Session, House Bill 1479, co-sponsored by Senator Gonzalo Barrientos and Representative Harvey Hilderbran, was approved, and can financially aid high school students who graduate in three years instead of four. The early graduates who meet qualification standards will be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship which is valid at most Texas institutions of higher learning.

Recent education reforms allow high school students to graduate early through the use of more flexible class scheduling, credit by

examination and summer school. Early graduates who received their diploma this year are also eligible for a scholarship through the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program. To qualify for this program a student's high school counselor or principal must notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of the students' eligibility.

This scholarship program established by the state of Texas may benefit students and their parents who need help with the rising costs of higher education.

"Teachers thinking their primary goal is teaching a subject should not be teaching. The most important curriculum for a teacher is the concept of mutual respect. A good teacher uses their respect as the foundation for educational progress."

Wayne Peveto, former state legislator-- "The Texas economy has changed. Agriculture and the petroleum industry are no longer king. We have entered the computer age and become more of a service economy. Our present tax structure was not designed for our current economy."

Billy Hamilton, Dep. Comptroller-- "Our tax system was created when the largest businesses were petroleum companies, manufacturers, and utilities industries made up of large corporations with heavy capital investments in the state. Today, we have a retail and service economy...State tax policy has not identified an appropriate mix of taxes between the 'new' and 'old' economies."

## DISTRICT, COUNTY COURT SESSIONS HELD

Both 121st District Court and Yoakum County Court cases were heard Monday, August 28, with Judge Ray Anderson presiding in the District action, Judge Dallas Brewer in County Court. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State in both Courts.

In District Court cause number 1680, Maria Elodia Martinez, 35, charged with aggravated possession of 28 grams or more, but less than 200 grams of cocaine, pled guilty to the charge.

## ANOTHER BUDGET CUT IS GOOD NEWS

In last week's special City Council meeting, the proposed budget for the City was approved. The reduced operating budget calls for expenditures totaling \$1,253,946, down from last years budget of \$1,380,480, a whopping 9.2% reduction for City tax payers, indeed a pleasant surprise.

This years actual tax rate is .515 per \$100, compared to last years rate of .49 per \$100. The increase was necessary due to sizable capitol outlays for water wells and sewer plant construction. Never the less, the actual dollar spending of our tax dollars is greatly reduced.

Judge Anderson sentenced her to 5 years in the State Prison System, and fined her \$1,000. She was represented by Attorney Clifford Payne.

In County Court, the State brought suit against Jesus David Arenivas and Maria Elsa Gonzalez. They were represented by Attorney Richard C. Abalos. The Court granted a default judgment granting forfeiture of the \$952 to the Denver City Police Department.

Noted actor Sean Connery ("My name is Bond.....James Bond"), was at one time a milkman and a coffin polisher. Comedian Steve Martin sold mouse ears 8 years at Disneyland

## BUZZARD MEETING GOING ON HERE?



For several weeks now, every afternoon starting somewhere around four to five o'clock, the skies over the city, particularly the eastern portion, have been crowded with dozens of big, soaring Turkey Buzzards. A few days ago, several of us tried to count the beautiful flying, but ugly, foul smelling creatures, but their aerial gyrations confused us. I lost count at 51, and our neighbors tallied 53. Regardless of the exact number, there are regular swarms of them enjoying the summer thermal currents. Being a bit weak in zoological knowledge, we are wondering what is bringing them to visit us this year. No one we've questioned can remember seeing so many of the birds gathered here. Where do they roost at night? How far do so many numbers of birds have to fly to find enough road kill and other carrion to sustain them? Is this some sort of annual gathering for breeding purposes? Is the gathering a ritual social convention for buzzards? If you happen to be rich in buzzard data, we would like to hear some answers from you.

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## FILM TIME PROGRAM BEGINS SEPT. 6

Preschool boys and girls are urged to begin the fall Film time program at the Library on Wednesday morning, Sept. 6, beginning at 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. The library personnel are looking forward to a new beginning of playing, learning and visiting with the little ones each week. Mothers and babysitters are invited to visit, or just drop by and let the children spend an hour at the library film time program. All volunteer programs are welcome. The library program includes Law Officers giving safety programs to the children, Volunteer Fire Fighters giving demonstrations, and other informative programs. Parties for birthdays, holidays and any reason to celebrate are encouraged by the library. We all love to have fun and share with each other a really good time each week.

The Yoakum County Library had 106 readers complete the SUMMER READING PROGRAM. The good turn out comes from the help of the Plains Dairy Queen giving ice cream to each reader completing the books they choose in June and July. The Dairy Queen has promoted the program since the summer of 1988. Thanks to Helen Pope and her promotion thru the Dairy Queen in Plains.

## New Arrival

Darrell & Debbie Dodds of Iraan are the proud parents of a son, Dart Kale, born August 10, 1995, in Shannon Hospital of San Angelo. The baby boy weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 19-1/2 in.

Grandparents are Roy and Maedean Dodds of Brownwood, Stella Raney of San Angelo, and Jeff Raney of Lamesa. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Collins of Cisco and Mrs. Fred Raney of Welch.

Darrell, a graduate of Plains High School, is Vice President of Iraan State Bank. Dart is the couple's first child.

## NEW BABY BOY ANNOUNCED

Kyle and Marka Stephens of Amarillo announce the arrival of their son, Sage Britt, born at 12:59 PM, August 22, 1995, at Northwest Hospital, Amarillo, Texas.

He is welcomed to his new world by his sister, twenty-two month old Sierra.

Paternal grandparents are B and Sheila Stephens of Plains, and great grand mother, Louise Smith of Tahoka.

Maternal grandparents are Tina Vaughn of Denver Colorado, Lloyd Bartlett of Amarillo, Great grandparents Mark and Mary Lamkin, Amarillo, and Emma Bartlett, Amarillo.

Congratulations to all... baby, parents, and grandparents!

## INFLUENZA PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Influenza continues to be a significant cause of mortality (death) and morbidity (illness) among the elderly, those with cardiopulmonary disease, immunosuppression, or other serious chronic conditions. The incidence of influenza related deaths in the United States ranges from about 10,000 in years with low influenza activity to more than 40,000 in severe influenza epidemics. What is important here is that, unlike most other viral illnesses, influenza is preventable through use of the influenza vaccine; however, it continues to be underutilized.

In years past influenza epidemics, which occur every year, were caused by single viruses; however, during recent epidemics two or even three types of viruses have circulated simultaneously. Fortunately the Influenza vaccine covers all of the viruses expected to appear in the upcoming season. In every season influenza attack rates are always highest among school age children and adolescents and, while they are quite ill, they tolerate the illness better than the very young, elderly, and chronically ill. The risk for hospitalization is very high among patients 65 and older and those 45 and older with significant lung disease.

### Who Should Receive A Flu Shot?

Anyone age 65 and older, Adults and Children with Chronic Cardiac and/or Pulmonary Disease Including Asthma, Adults and Children with illness requiring frequent follow-up or hospitalization during the previous year, Adults and Children in chronic care facilities, Children receiving chronic aspirin therapy, Immunocompromised adults and Children, Household contacts of persons in the above mentioned groups, Health Care Workers (no exceptions), anyone who does not want to catch the Flu!

### When To Vaccinate

Immunizations must be repeated each year. October and November are generally considered to be the optimal months for receiving flu shots and the vaccination is generally not available until September. The vaccination significantly reduces the risk of infection and reduces the severity of illness in those who become infected. Fewer than 1 person

in 10 who receive the shot have soreness, swelling and redness at the site of injection. It does not cause a respiratory "flu-like" illness. Most of the confusion with this is that the vaccine is usually administered in a clinic with people who are already ill and circulating other respiratory viruses. Fever and muscle aches may occur in 10% of adults and 20-40% in children. Again, the flu shot will not cause the flu. It consists of 100% inactivated virus and is not capable of causing any infection.

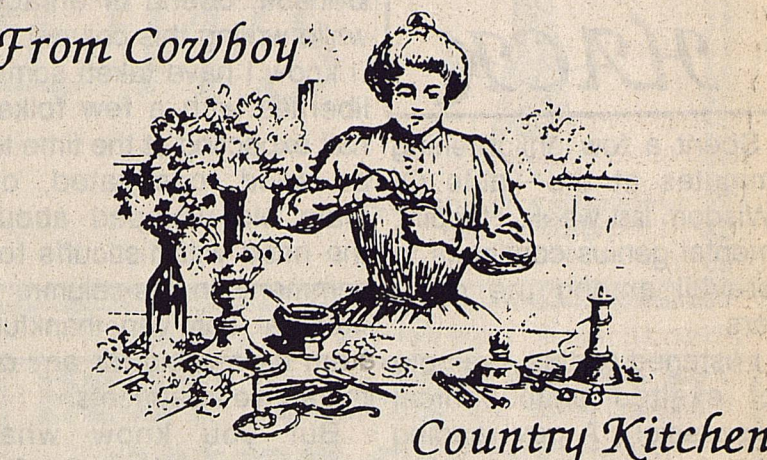
If you don't get a flu shot and you inevitably catch the flu we have some medications with activity against influenza A which usually help tremendously and we can also treat your symptoms with antihistamine decongestants and analgesics; however, if you don't get a flu shot and you catch a bug other than influenza A such as influenza B the medicines will be of marginal benefit. See your LOCAL DOCTOR!  
by Larry C. Boyd, MD

## ST. MARY HOSPITAL'S "AUGUST '95 CALENDAR"

LUBBOCK, TX -- The Senior Class program of St. Mary of the Plains Hospital will host "Compassionate Care," a support group for children and spouses of the elderly, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1995. The meeting, which is open to the public at no charge, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Dining Room, Garden Level. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about any of the above programs, contact the Senior Class office at (806) 796-6888.

Temple, Tx. A central Texas lady gave birth to the first set of triplets reported in the state this year. Gov. Jim Ferguson sent her a check for \$50 and a letter saying, "You certainly deserve a crown in Heaven... As Governor, I extend to you the thanks of all, and wish for you and yours prosperity and happiness."  
The Texas News, Nov. 30, 1915



## Hummingbird Cake

2 cups flour  
2 cups sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
3 beaten eggs  
1-1/2 cup salad oil  
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla

1 (8 oz) can crushed pineapple (undrained)  
2 cups chopped bananas  
2 cups nuts  
Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl. Add eggs and salad oil. Mix until dry ingredients are moist; do not beat. Stir in vanilla, pineapple, 1 cup nuts and bananas. Spoon batter into 3 greased and floured 9-inch cake pans. Bake at

350° for 25 to 30 minutes, or until cake tests done. Cool in pans 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on rack. Frost with Cream Cheese Frosting. Sprinkle with 1 cup nuts.

## Cream Cheese Frosting

2 (8 oz) pkg. cream cheese, softened  
1 cup margarine, softened  
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2 tsp. vanilla  
Cream the cream cheese and butter until smooth. Add the sugar and vanilla. Beat until fluffy. Spread on cake. Sprinkle frosting with remaining nuts.

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# FROM THE HACK

Spent a few enlightening minutes at the Table Of Wisdom last week. Happily, mental genius continues to prevail among the regulars.

I listened to this example of exalted philosophical discussion; A guy reading the A-J announced, "You know, some of the titles of movies these days are a little weird. Here's one called 'Bye, Bye, Love'. I thought that was a song." Another member spoke up, "It is a song, but it reminds me of a letter I got from my girl friend when I was in the Army." The reader continued, "And here's one called 'Indecent Proposal'. Dumb". Number two leered, "Yeah, that reminds me of my girl friend too". Unfazed, the reader continued, "Here's the dumbest, 'Forrest Gump'. Ain't that ugly sounding?"

He was answered, Naw, not really. I had a third cousin named Mortimer Gump. Lived in Hog Tail, down in East Texas. Had a black wart on the tip of his nose, one eye that looked at you while the other stared at his left ear. I guess cause it stuck straight out, and his ear lobe hung down to his chin. He was a good old boy, though".

The reader said, You sure his name wasn't Simp Gump? I seen a Simp Gump looked just like that, but he was in a tent show at the Albuquerque State Fair 'bout twenty years ago".

And life goes on.

About the feature article on page one on our first years publication. I paid Homage to all of you, but what I failed to say was, "Thank everyone I managed to insult, offend or enrage while writing this column."

I know I have taken some liberties with a few folks, half expecting at the time to be sued, castigated, or plain old whipped about the head with fisticuffs for comments in this column.

For that, I am very thankful. I am far too old for any of the above treatments.

But you know what amazes me about this? I have actually, honestly to the Deity Above, been told numerous times, "Hey, Thanks for the column. It's the first thing I read every week".

I cannot explain such a phenomenon... is it lack of intelligence in a redneck group of readers? Is it because the town is full of idiots? Or is it just because folks are pretty well filled up with nothing but doom, gloom, prophecies of coming disasters, corruption in every level of our government, sick of the O.J. trial, the Waco Davidians raid? No, none of the above.... I think you, the readers, just like to be kicked around a bit, be made a little fun of, see some of your neighbors kidded.

In other words, it's an attempt to have a little fun, share a little comedy about the folks you rub elbows with, And I rub elbows with. To those of you accepting us, Thank You. To those offended, our apologies, and our suggestion you subscribe to the Christian Science Monitor..... a REAL newspaper.

Richard Pryor was expelled from a Catholic school when the nuns discovered his grandmother ran a string of brothels.

## HENARD FINISHES STRONG IN RODEO SEASON



Rusty Henard, son of Carolyn and Oscar Henard of Tatum, competed this season in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, in calf roping, ribbon roping and team roping. He finished the 1995 season as Reserve All Around Cowboy, and at the Clovis Cowboy honors.

Rusty graduated from Tatum High School in May, finishing the highest boy in the class. He will enroll in Western Texas College, Snyder, this fall, and plans to study Agricultural Business. He earned both an academic and rodeo scholarship to the school.

His younger sister, Kacy, is also an active participant in the Junior Rodeo Association. They are the grandchildren of "Crip" and the late Pat Henard.

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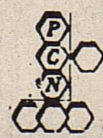
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## YOAKUM CO-OP GIN ANNUAL MEETING

The Yoakum County Co-Op held its 33rd Annual Meeting of members Aug. 22. A number of reports were delivered to the cotton producing membership, including a year end audit report; Reports from regional cooperatives including Farmers Co-Op Compress, Plains Cotton Co-Op Assn., Plains Co-Op Oil Mill, Producers Exchange Ins. Agency, and South Plains Industrial Supply. Gin manager Darwin Robertson delivered his annual report, followed by the election of new Board of directors Royce Blair, Charlie Ellis and Ty Earl Powell. Other Board mem-

bers include Randy Forbus, Wayne Lee Davis, Kenneth Gipson and Brad Crump.

The Board and members wish to thank some 23 firms generously furnishing 56 door prizes for the meeting.

The gin processed a total of 24,591 bales of cotton from last years crop.

### WAR NEWS

Sarajevo, Bosnia, June 28, 1914; Archduke Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, and his wife were assassinated by Serb terrorists.

London, July 28, 1914; Austria today declared war on Serbia.

London, Aug. 4, 1914; Britain today declared war on Germany.  
*The Texas News, November 1915*

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